



Torrington Public Schools

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Policy Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 7:00PM 355 Migeon Avenue

1. Call to Order: 7:10pm
2. Roll Call: Board Members Present: Ms. Hoehne (Chair), Mr. Kissko, Ms. Spino
Administration Present: Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Forzano, Mr. Deacon, Mr. Skarzynski, Mr. Mangalinx
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Kissko made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor.
4. Approval of minutes: Mr. Kissko made the motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor.
5. Public participation: None
6. Discussion/Next Steps:
 - a. THS Attendance Update:
Advisory period: Weekly team meeting with students – another way to ensure that all students feel a significant connection to at least one adult at school. Advisory also takes place at the middle school. PowerSchool tracking info not accessible. Credit recovery over summer, graduated 9 seniors, 40 students performed community service. Ms. McCarthy documenting the process. Alliance grant: family outreach/home visits. Ms. Ocasio is great asset – working with students and families to improve attendance and student/family engagement. Social Workers are also collaborating in this effort. Teachers, as well as students need to be engaged. Number of teachers out conveys the wrong message. Relationship building with students built into first period, child/teacher connection. Internships, apprenticeships for senior year providing student challenge.
 - b. Transportation Policy #6299:
Busing challenges resulting from the new model are being worked out. Main problem resulted from the large numbers of alternate bus requests received daily. Discussion focused on amending the procedure and the form to allow schools and transportation company sufficient time to process the requests and communicate new bus information to appropriate parties. Going forward, requests for changes to bus pick up/drop off will take effect 2 weeks from the date of the request. At the start of school, alternate bus requests must be received by August 15th in order to take effect for the first day of school.
 - c. Elementary Grading/Progress Reports Policy #6111:
Mr. Deacon presented work done to date on new standards based grading system which views students holistically, follows growth & progress, and is reported 3 times a year. Parent education sessions will take place prior to roll out.
7. Comments for the Good of the Order: None.
8. Topics for Future Meetings:
 - a. Graduation

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These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on October 24, 2018.

b. Transportation

9. Adjournment: Ms. Spino made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Kissko. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.
10. Next Meeting: October 3rd, 2018-6:00PM, Vogel/Wetmore Library